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SUBJECT: "VJESNIK" ON ORLY ATTACKS

REF: A) BELGRADE 0246; B) STATE 11348

1. ZAGREB DAILY "VJESNIK" JANUARY 21 CARRIES ON PAGE TWO A LJUBO DJORIC COMMENTARY FOLLOWING UP ON HIS COMMENTARY OF JAN 15 IN WHICH HE HAD INSINUATED THAT THE ATTACK ON THE JAT PLANE AT ORLY ON JAN 13 WAS "PROVOCATION" DESIGNED TO EMBARRASS THE PALESTINIAN LIBERATION MOVEMENT AND FRUSTRATE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE ARAB AND NONALIGNED GOVERNMENTS. IN DJORIC'S JAN 21 ARTICLE, ENTITLED "REPRISAL OF THE 'FAILURE' AND FAILURE OF 'REPRISAL'," HE AGAIN SUGGESTS THAT THE TERRORIST ATTACKS AT ORLY (JAN 13 AND 19) WERE INTENDED TO COMPROMISE THE PALESTINIAN LIBERATION MOVEMENT AND THE ARAB GOVERNMENTS IN THE EYES OF INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC OPINION. HE INSISTS THAT TERRORISM IN EUROPE DOES NOT SERVE THE PLO NOR THE ARAB GOVERNMENTS. RESPONDING TO HIS OWN RHETORICAL QUESTION, HE DECLARES THAT THE TRAGEDY AT ORLY REFLECTS THE FACT THAT THE MIDDLE EAST CRISIS HAS IN MANY WAYS GROWN BEYOND THE MIDDLE EAST FRAMEWORK. HE EMPHASIZES THAT THE ORLY TRAGEDY IS "PART OF THE WAR FOR OIL WHICH HAS ALREADY BEGUN," AND IN WHICH, AS IS CUSTOMARY IN WAR, ALL MEANS ARE USED TO ACHIEVE CERTAIN GOALS.

2. DJORIC CONCLUDED HIS ARTICLE BY SHARPLY REVERSING THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GENERAL THRUST OF HIS ARTICLE BY SAYING THAT, IF THE TERRORISTS

GAIN ASYLUM IN AN ARAB COUNTRY, ONE WOULD ASSUME THAT THE ARAB GOVERNMENT WOULD BRING THE TERRORISTS TO TRIAL, CONVICT THEM, CARRY OUT THE SENTENCE, AND DECLARE IN WHOSE NAME THEY HAD SHOT INNOCENT PEOPLE.

3. COMMENT: TODAY'S DJORIC COMMENTARY, ALTHOUGH SOMEWHAT MORE CONVOLUTED THAN HIS COMMENTARY OF JAN 15, IS NEVERTHELESS TENDENTIOUS AND INCONSISTENT WITH THE OTHER FACTUAL ACCOUNTS ABOUT THE TWO RECENT TERRORIST ATTACKS AT ORLY WHICH HAVE BEEN REPORTED STRAIGHT IN THE ZAGREB PRESS.

4. BECAUSE OF THE YUGOSLAV PRESS SEMINAR WHICH HAS BEEN GOING ON SINCE LAST WEEKEND AT KUMROVEC, WE HAVE NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO FIX THE DATE FOR A CALL ON GRUIC, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE "VJESNIK" PUBLISHING HOUSE. GRUIC IS EXPECTED TO RETURN TO ZAGREB JAN 22.
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